

"LET PERSEVERENCE CONQUER FATE."

Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive, are the levers that move the world. We must be in earnest, even though the thermometer may continue to have an upward tendency. Let us prove the supremacy of mind over matter. Or can mind so far have affected matter as to have created through mere vivacity of feeling, such tremendous effects on the atmospheric particles? Will no one answer, or is everybody rapidly lapsing into a general thaw? Be that as it may, we must keep wide awake, and we will notice that a gentle breeze is rising, which will cool the heated brow and weary brain, and will waft a welcome to every one who will accept our invitation and come and see the beautiful Goods we are selling every day, notwithstanding the state of the weather, whether it be bright and sunny or dark and rainy. We have heard it softly whispered that some one has kindly called us a "crank." Ah! my friends, that is a queer little fact. Is not a crank used to turn things? And you see we are just turning public attention to our large and handsome stock of Goods which we are disposing of by making business a pleasure instead of an irksome task, and by making our friends accept the advice we gave a week ago, to "Prove all Things, and Hold fast that which is Good." They come and prove, and of course hold fast. Yes, we plead guilty to the charge of being a "crank," and feel satisfied to keep turning the purchasers of all classes of goods to our well filled, well lighted house, where we will always try to give them satisfaction, and leave them no cause for regret at having been turned in our direction. The summer is rapidly passing away, and nature will ere long lay aside her beautiful summer robe of emerald hue and don the exquisite autumn tints, which tell us the same story year after year, but each year with deeper meaning, that "all things must pass away." But we should not let our opportunities pass away unimproved, and now is the time to improve the opportunity of buying some of these lovely Summer Goods, which will be an all the year around pleasure to those who secure them. While we recognize that "competition is the life of trade," we do not recognize the fact that it would be any part of our duty to inform our customers that our competitors have not any certain article which we might fail to have; so come and see what we have, and if we can not supply the demand, then let who can do so. "Let Perseverance Conquer Fate."

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THE RED MAN IN POLITICS.

He Knows All the Tricks the White Man Knows, and Possibly a Few More.

J. D. Bradford is connected with the Choctaw Railway company, of the Indian Territory. He was chatting with a group of local politicians, and Colonel Babcock remarked that Mr. Bradford was in a land blessed with no politics. "You are wrong," exclaimed Mr. Bradford. "The cleverest politicians in the United States are in our territory."

"Who are they?"

"The Choctaw Indians have no equals in practical politics in any land in the world, and I won't debar the state of Indiana either. You know the Choctaws have a governor elected by the people, and a legislative body called the Choctaw national legislature. This house holds regular sessions, and they make laws, roll logs, establish rings, and do everything else that politicians can think of. When Governor Jones, a young halfbreed, was elected governor we witnessed one of the greatest campaigns ever fought. When our railroad pierced the coal mines of the Choctaw nation several of the old red men attempted to get possession of most of the mines and make us pay dearly for the coal. They failed, and have cried 'corporation' ever since."

"So when the gubernatorial candidates began to show their hands Jones took the high moral ground that he was against our railroad and all those who favored it. He went in the fight with this sentiment as a watchword, and was elected. But it was an exciting fight. During the campaign if Jones wanted to communicate with a man fifty miles away he would send a man with verbal messages. The other candidates followed this example, and no written letters figured in the campaign. The day before the voting a Messiah story was turned loose in the sections of the nation where Jones was not popular, and the people left to see the Messiah, thus losing their votes."

"On this same day a number of leading Indians who were working against the election of Jones were summoned to Washington by bogus telegrams to talk with the great father. And so it went. Every conceivable trick was resorted to. After Jones had been declared duly elected and had taken his seat it was discovered that one precinct, which gave him 125 majority, was inhabited by less than seventy-five people. When it comes to counting votes and political scheming the Choctaw Indians will certainly get a place. I will back them against the world."—Chicago Herald.

A Curious Chemical Anomaly.

An astonishing result was reached by Dr. Richardson, the English expert physiologist, in some experiments on the respiration of animals confined in pure oxygen. In most cases a steady flow of fresh oxygen rendered the animals confined in it excited and feverish, and none were quieted or made sleepy. When, however, the oxygen, after having been passed once through the chambers containing the animals, was collected, purified and again used, all the warm blooded animals, such as dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, etc., became drowsy and fell quietly asleep; and, when the gas was again used after another purification, the sleep became deeper and some of the animals soon died.

The oxygen appeared chemically pure at each time of using, and the cause of its remarkable change in effect is as yet a mystery. Whether some peculiar modification of oxygen takes place during respiration, or whether the toxic properties are due to some active product of respiration which has escaped detection in the inhaled gas, is a problem which will doubtless be studied with much interest.—St. Louis Republic.

Practical for Surface Railroads.

A very important improvement in the street railway business has been invented by Captain M. A. Cutter, of Allegheny. It is an appliance attached to the car for throwing a switch, and which can be handled by the grip man or motor man without compelling him to stop or get out of the car. The car can be going at full speed and make a switch without slowing up or causing any inconvenience to the man who throws the switch. The contrivance is a very simple and inexpensive one.

Another improvement which Mr. Cutter has made is in the running gears. By touching a lever the entire car can be swung around upon the wheels and

started backward. There is, consequently, but one motor needed for each car, and in this way the cost of equipping a single car is reduced to about one-half. A brake has also been invented by Mr. Cutter by which the car may be held while being reversed.—New York Telegram.

Modesty a Question of Geography.

I walk along the stream and amuse myself by taking note of the bathers. They see nothing wrong in their actions, and I note there is nothing really immodest, bold or indecent about them. They think nothing wrong in families and friends bathing together, and, after all, I have again forced upon me the feeling that modesty and immodesty are matters of custom and fashion, and am reminded of a little maiden in Egypt who, upon seeing me approach, covered her face with her skirt that she might modestly hide it from the eyes of a man. The Japanese are in many ways more modest than we are. They are in most things more polite and refined. Still, until lately, the sexes bathed together in the very capital itself.—Mexican Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Vicious Pronunciation.

The English people, having a way of changing the sounds of vowels in speech, gradually converted each one of them into something quite different.

The change is going on still. The vowel a in London speech is gradually receiving the sound of long i. An American in London is asked if he wishes to "take in a piper," and is puzzled until he discovers that this is English for "taking a daily paper."

This tendency has become so marked that the "pipers" themselves have begun, at least in a whimsical way, to print words which have a long a with a y instead. The Pall Mall Gazette in an article on "Primrose Day," devoted to the memory of Lord Beaconsfield, fancies Englishmen singing:

But who will syve old England from the rhyme,
And her sons and her daughters who will syve?
For in ryne, alas in ryne we deplore the hon-
ored nyne
Of Lord Beckingsfield, now lying in his
grave.

This vicious pronunciation has begun to creep into a limited circle in America, whose members affect English ways. It should be rejected and resolutely discouraged by every one who wishes to speak good English.—Youth's Companion.

Where Do You Part Your Hair?

I have seen hundreds of barbers' trade secrets exposed, but I have never seen a reason given in print for men parting their hair on the left side in more than nine cases out of ten. I talked the matter over with a physician once, and he said it might be only a coincidence, but that at least nine men out of ten sleep on their right side, because by so doing digestion is aided and the action of the heart is left undisturbed.

That, I think, accounts for the hair parting, because the warmth of the side of the head pressed into the pillow greatly aids the growth of the hair, and a man naturally parts his hair so as to brush it in the direction of the greatest growth. This also accounts for what almost every one who has tried to keep his mustache and beard evenly trimmed must have noticed—that he has to trim the right side more frequently than the left. Warmth is the best hair tonic and invigorator discovered, especially a moist heat, such as is produced by confined perspiration.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

How Some Dwarfs Have Been Produced.

The immediate factor in the stoppage of growth seems to be the hardening of the bones, particularly the long bones, through the secretion of lime. But this is probably a mere incident resulting from the influence of food, excessive physical exercise, cold, or some other force affecting the general system.

Among the recipes given for checking the growth of children is that of anointing the backbone with the fat of bats and moles. This is said to have the effect of hardening the cartilage and thus preventing growth. "Sweating," the process used for reducing the weight of jockeys, is another means employed for checking development. It is said that dwarfs have been artificially produced by the horrible practice of feeding infants on sour cider instead of milk.

As in the case of giants, the stature of these little people has, in most cases probably, been the result of accident.—New York Times.

THEY ALL WORE GOGGLES.

The Very Remarkable Story Told by a Trustworthy Fisherman.

"I struck a great snag fishing up at Peewaukee, Wis., a few weeks ago," said a Detroit drummer after several large, abnormally developed fish stories had been swallowed by the little coterie that surrounded him. "A friend of mine who works for an electrical construction company at Milwaukee has invented a submarine electric light, and we went up to Peewaukee to try it. It worked like a charm. Greatest success imaginable. In fairly clear water it is possible to light up the bottom of the lake for quite a distance. Imagine lighting a big bonfire on the bottom of the lake and fishing by the light of it."

"That's about what it is like. The whole operation is so simple that it is queer that it was not thought of long ago. A strong battery is carried in the stern of the boat. The craft is rowed out to the fishing ground and anchored securely. The submarine lamp is lowered over the side of the boat and a push upon the button does the rest. A white light below renders all objects within a radius of twenty feet of it plainly visible. Then the sport begins in earnest."

"The fish are attracted by the light and swim toward it to investigate the unusual phenomenon that has startled them. Somewhat timid at first they soon grow bolder and swarm about the lamp. It is the easiest thing in the world then to drop a hook right under the biggest fellow in the lot—a jerk and he is yours. No pole is necessary; a reel is useless; no bait is used—nothing but a line and a naked hook. It requires no skill to make a fine catch and it's rare sport."

"I spent a couple of nights on the lake pulling out bass—nothing but bass, you know, because by the new scheme a man can pick and choose his fish before he catches them. He isn't obliged to waste any time in pulling out perch and bluegills when he's angling for bass, you see, and he doesn't disturb the little bass either. Great invention, isn't it?"

The silence for a moment was painfully oppressive, but it was broken at length by Chief Clerk Paul Gores, who inquired in a low, mellow voice, like the note of a wounded clay pigeon, "When did you do all this?"

"Tuesday and Wednesday nights last week."

"At Peewaukee?"
"At Peewaukee."
"That accounts for it then. I was fishing at Peewaukee myself Thursday. Caught a good string of bass and had very fair luck, but until this minute I haven't been able to figure out how it happened that every blamed one of 'em wore a pair of blue goggles."

And the coterie immediately adjourned for internal improvements.—Chicago Mail.

The Cosmopolitan.

I do not mean to imply that it is well for a man to become comparatively indifferent to his own nation. Travel has that effect upon some people, especially when for a term of years they reside abroad, and notably in southern Italy. It eats away their patriotism. They call themselves by that long name—cosmopolitan. They are not, they say, citizens of any one town or country in particular, but of the world at large.

This sounds very fine; but if you come to analyze their notions you will, I am afraid, generally discover that, so far from having got their sympathies enlarged to such a degree that they can feel for the Central African negro in his degradation, as much as they can feel for the Whitechapel toiler in his semi-starvation they have rather lost all sympathy for every one except for themselves. "Cosmopolitan" is, in numbers of instances, only "selfish" writ large.—All the Year Round.

To "prospect" was to find a spot that looked favorable and make an examination of it. The miner would take a pan of earth, shake and gyrate it under water, raising and tipping it frequently to run the dirt and water off, then plunge it again, and so continue until a small residuum of black sand and gold remained. A speck of gold was the "color," several specks were "several colors," and the number and size determined the judgment of the miner whether he should go to work or move on. I have seen ounces taken in this way in a single pan, but in the earlier days we counted a "bit" to the pan—twelve and a half cents—a fair prospect.—E. G. Waite in Century.

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